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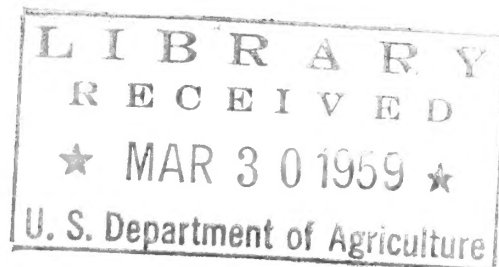
TAY-BOW AFRICAN VIOLETS

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Caro, Route 4, Michigan

1959 CATALOG

This Cancels All Previous Lists



Rooted Cuttings

Fresh Cut Leaves

We specialize in ROOTED CUTTINGS and FRESH CUT LEAVES. We know from experience that rooted cuttings, as we ship them, are a very satisfactory way of buying violets.

We are proud of our ROOTED CUTTINGS. They are shipped in the small pots in which they are grown. This assures you that they do not stop growing, even while being shipped to you. If you are busy and are not able to transplant them at once, the cuttings are perfectly safe until you are ready to work with them.

FRESH CUT LEAVES are expertly packed. When they arrive, they are fresh and ready to go to work. Printed instructions are enclosed with each order.

METHOD OF SHIPMENT

ROOTED CUTTINGS are shipped Parcel Post SPECIAL HANDLING. This means that the parcel travels as fast as a letter. FRESH CUT LEAVES are shipped First Class Mail. This insures same delivery as a letter.

If cuttings or leaves are damaged in mail notify us at once. We will replace them. Since we have no control over your cultural methods, we do not replace cuttings or leaves which do not survive after being planted by you. .

We do not begin shipping until April 15 OR until the weather is safe for shipment. We continue shipments until about the middle of November OR until weather becomes risky for shipment. WE DO NOT SHIP DURING WINTER MONTHS.

We cannot combine ROOTED CUTTINGS and FRESH CUT LEAVES in one order. Each kind must be ordered separately and proper postage must accompany each order.

Minimum Order for Rooted Cuttings—\$4.00 Plus Postage.

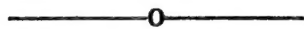
Minimum Order for Fresh Cut Leaves—\$3.00 Plus Postage.

Orders of \$10.00 or more will be sent postage paid.

TO OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS — Since violets shipped from Michigan require a special inspection permit before entering Canada, we group all Canadian orders for one spring shipment and one fall shipment. This helps our Inspector who is a very busy man. Please send us your spring order NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1 and your fall order NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15. We will appreciate your cooperation very much.

IMPORTANT — ROOTED CUTTINGS and FRESH CUT LEAVES listed in this catalog will be offered for the entire shipping season of 1959. DO NOT DISCARD THIS LIST. If you cannot use it, we would be grateful if you could place it in the hands of a friend. FALL LIST will be sent as a supplementary sheet only. Contents of this list will not be reprinted.

We are in the greenhouse THURSDAY AND SUNDAY AFTERNOONS ONLY. We are located 1 mile NE of Caro on M 81. Will be glad to have you stop in on either of those afternoons.



Bud's Violets

We Specialize in Bud Brewer's Hybrids

LEONARD K. BREWER "Bud" has gained an excellent reputation in the African Violet world for his work in African Violet hybridizing. He is responsible for a good many "hits." We have been given sole rights to Bud's releases and new varieties will be included in our lists as soon as they are ready. Bud's varieties are noted for their strong, handsome foliage as well as for blooms of heart warming beauty.

The following are ready for distribution this spring:

BLACK VICTORY — Rooted Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaf 75c

An exceptionally well formed plant. Leaves are broad with some point. They have fine gloss and are lighter in texture than the Du Ponts. Blooms are very large and double. Form in clusters on long stem. The color is a black purple with a reddish glow.

KATISHAW — Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaf 75c

Foliage is crisp grass green girl . . . stem not too long. Blooms form on strong stems which come up from the crown. Each stem has 6 or 7 blooms which are waxy white with deep blue eye. . 99% come true. Any which don't will be replaced. Blooms are single.

KIMBERLEY — Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaf 75c

The popularity of Kimberley has never died. It is the center of attraction on our show bench. Leaves are black green with heavy ruffles and a vivid wine lining. The blooms are doubles of soft Dutch blue with diamond white edges.

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Charge for postage including
handling and packaging

ROOTED CUTTINGS - 85¢

FRESH CUT LEAVES - 50¢

MARDI GRAS — Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaf 75c

The bloom resembles a full skirt of organdie — lavender over ivory petticoats. Foliage is dark green girl with deep cut scallops. Is a constant bloomer and is a favorite with customers.

PINK BEGONIA — Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaf 75c

A very spectacular violet. It is very symmetrical with large leaves of modified girl, almost round and fairly smooth edged. The color is a deep olive green. Very strong stems produce clusters of deep pink cupped blooms. Each cluster develops to such a size that it looks like a bouquet!

PINK POPCORN — Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaf 75c

Foliage of flat dark girl leaves with deep pie crust edge and a rose lining. Double pink blooms are tight doubles which resemble miniature rose blooms.

PINK VALENTINE — Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaf 75c

Leaf is true heart shape, deeply notched and of a good live green. Velvet ribbon double pink blooms form a perfect circle around plant. . It makes a lovely sight.

PITTI SING — Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaf 75c

Leaves are pointed with fine saw tooth edge. Blooms are lovely pastel pink semi-double with "ticks" of bright wine in the throat.

SPELLBINDER — Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaf 75c

A big favorite. Tawny green girl leaves form an unusually uniform plant and the single, deeply cupped blooms are a vivid cerise. They come in clusters of 4 or 5 on a good strong stem.

STRIKE ME PINK — Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaf 75c

We did not introduce this one but we wish we had! It is a big seller with all growers. The leaves are large, modified girl, very deep green, and highly glossed and cushioned. The bloom is a deep warm pink double.

THE MIKADO — Cuttings \$1.25 — Leaf 85c

Waxy foliage of blue green stands out like plastic. Excellent modified girl with uniform pie crust edge. Blooms are very deep purple double. Good!

WANDERING MINSTREL — Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaf 75c

One grower customer said that she was not interested in another double purple until she saw the foliage of Wandering Minstrel. It sold the plant to her. Leaves are perfect arrow shape, have a polished wax finish and are bottle green with deeper veining. It is the most uniform in growth we have ever seen. No special treatment is necessary to produce a show plant. Double purple blooms form a circle half way between crown and edge of plant.

YUM YUM — Cuttings \$1.25 — Leaf \$1.00

This is one of our favorites of this year's new ones. Foliage is very dark green rounded girl and forms a large plant. Two stalks of blooms come from one leaf crotch and produce clusters of 6 or 7 semi-double flowers. These are the sweetest color of fresh peach blooms we have seen.

General List

Beautiful blooms cannot offset poor foliage. Our selections for this list have been based on three points: 1—Foliage which is strong and well shaped; 2—Blooms which have strong stems and which flower the year around; 3—Color which is ALIVE in both flower and leaf. We want plants which look RADIANT and which give us a wonderful lift when we enter the room in which they are blooming.

Price of This Group — Cuttings Only — \$1.25

AFTER GLOW (Naomi) — Best seedling award in 1958 National Show. Crisp wavy girl leaves of wax green. Large loose double bloom of brilliant cerise.

FUSCHIA (Reed) — Bloom is not too large but is an intense shade of fuschia. It is single. Foliage is very waxy crisp green (about the shade of lettuce).

PINK DRIFT (Naomi) — Foliage has texture of velour, is pointed and has a nice saw tooth edge. Large blooms are formed of pointed petals in deep shades of magenta. It is a double. Awarded best seedling rosette in National Show in 1958.

Price of This Group — Cuttings \$1.00 — Leaves 75c

DOUBLE ROSE WING (Granger) —If you have grown Rose Wing as a single, you know how beautiful the double version can be. Huge double blooms of fringed white fluff washed with rose lavender. Foliage is probably diploid. Not as heavily textured as the Du Ponts.

DOROTHY GRAY (Granger) — We know Dorothy Gray and we think this a very lovely name sake. Foliage is a medium green which is a good background for the double blooms. These resemble hands full of pink chiffon. Some times there is a hint of green in the petal linings.

EMBER DREAM (Granger) — It rather "hits you in the eye." has a good gloss dark green leaf with an underside of bright wine. Blooms form large doubles of deep magenta shading into a lighter tone of the same shade.

EILEEN (Granger) — Foliage is olive green. Is crispy and wavy. The lining is deep wine. The plant is covered with a mass of deep pink fringed single blooms. Is a prodigious bloomer.

FRINGED POM POM (Mrs. Vallen) — Our stock plants are variable. Some have very dark green foliage, mottled and heavily ruffled. Flowers are tightly fringed doubles of bright wine with green edges. Some have medium green foliage of the same character as the first one described with blooms of white and purple tightly fringed and green edged. Either one is quite a sight!

GIBSON GIRL (Granger) — Leaves are deep blue green in girl style. Produces long stems which grow up from crown with large single flowers of deep blue with generous white edge. Stands out in a collection.

HUGONAUT (Granger) — Foliage is a good standard with dull gloss luster. Blooms are doubles of royal purple with sparkling white edges.

INVADER (Lyndon Lyon) — Excellent leaves of "live" green with wax gloss. Bloom is a double star of very deep pink.

LOCH LOMMOND (Suhr) — Glossy holly type foliage with a heavy ruffle which shows the bright wine lining. Blooms are soft Dutch blue double. It is beautiful.

MR. LINCOLN (Granger) — Blue green foliage in good standard version with cushion. Single blooms are large, rather round, deep purple, and have chalky white edge.

NORTHERN FANTASY (Reed) — This is a good one. Leaves are grass green standards with lots of cushion and the double blooms show the Fantasy stippling to very good advantage.

NORTHERN AUTUMN (Reed) — A variagated with shades of green buff and ivory in the leaves. Makes a large plant. Has a dark blue double bloom. Leaves are strong growing standards.

PRIDE OF ROCHESTER (Granger) — National award winner in 1958 National Show. Delicate green leaves the texture of velour. The blooms are double pastel pink with a powder blue overcast. A very new color for your collection.

REDERNESS (Lyndon Lyon) — Brightest of fuschia reds in a double which "stands out" in the room. Foliage is a bright glossy green in a medium sized standard.

VIVIAN (Tonkadale) — Very good. Leaf is heavy waxy texture with pronounced cushion, in good grass green. Blossoms are huge and resemble a full skirt of taffeta in a deep shade of pink.

Price of This Group — Cuttings, 75c — Leaf, 50c

CAMELIA (Lyndon Lyon) — This must be seen to be appreciated. Foliage is dark wax girl. Bloom forms like a camelia in a salmon pink with darker shades blended in.

CATHY REED (Reed) — Blooms approach apricot pink with darker fusings. They are loosely fringed singles. Leaves are dark olive green with light veins and a loose ruffle.

CHASKA (Mrs. Reinhardt) — Our customers like this one in the plant room. The leaves are large and highly lacquered bright green. Double blooms are shades of lavender and purple, veined and fringed.

FRILLED ROSETTE (Lyndon Lyon) — It is a pink and white double and fairly shouts "spring." Leaves are good! They are medium green and a glossy wax standard. It blooms constantly.

MARK ROBERTS (Lyndon Lyon) — One of Lyon's recently introduced Stars. The bloom has five equal points with prominent yellow anthers. This one is chalk white with blue rays in each point of petal.

MAY MELODY (Granger) — Glossy leaves of black green, waved and lined with deep wine. Bloom is very ruffled double of Dutch blue.

MASQUERADE (Granger) — Leaves resemble May Melody leaves but have more cushion. Blooms are full fringed doubles and can be anything from lavender to purple. A spectacular!

NORTHERN BREEZE (Reed) — Holly foliage in light green with a large single bloom of snowy white. The bloom has a loose fringe and is fused with lavender.

PRINCETON (Tonkadale) — A single flower with ruffled edge. The center of the flower is a blush of very intense geranium pink. It is a good flower. Foliage is the large lacquered foliage of the carnation pinks.

STAR PINK NEW (Lyndon Lyon) — These are extremely pretty. The star blossom is a deep bright pink. The leaves are a vast improvement over the first foliage introduced with Star Pink. They are a "juicy green" and attain a good size.

STAR CELESTIAL (Reed) — Dr. Reed's stars are more deeply notched and the star points are somewhat narrower than the Lyon stars. This particular one has a wax white bloom with blushes of blue. The foliage is crisp and waved.

Price of This Group — Cuttings, 50c — No Leaves

BLUE PINK (Lyndon Lyon) — Large girl leaves of medium green in plastic finish. Very large double pink blooms have a lovely blue overcast. It is a very good grower and bloomer.

DIXIE MOONBEAM (Brown) — Can't describe this one adequately. Large single blooms of forget-me-not blue are prominently veined and have a lighter blue edge. The leaves are good standards with olive green color.

DRESDEN DREAM (Mrs Vallen) — Heavy textured waved foliage in medium green. Flowers are good pink with tight fringed edge. The edge often emerges with a green color but this fades as the flower matures.

FASCINATION (Tonkadale) — We feel that this is the nicest of the carnation series. The blooms are a vivid carnation pink and the leaves are a highly varnished olive green. It behaves well.

HOLLY DELIGHT (Reed) — Holly leaves of medium green and Blue Delight blooms with ruffled edges.

MALIBOU (Tonkadale) — Malibou is a fine contrast for any collection. Flowers well above foliage are crisp white singles with a bright purple fringe. Several blooms on one stem. Leaves are bright green and wave slightly.

MISS MONROE (Naomi) — If you like a delightfully groomed appearance in your plant, this one will please you. Leaves are scalloped and deeply quilted. They form a very uniform plant. The blooms are deep wine heavy doubles and are profuse in their blooming.

RAMONA (Tonkadale) — Clusters of a lovely warm pink double blossoms with lots of frills. Leaves are round, blue green, have lots of cushion, and are wine lined.

SEA SPRITE — We don't know who hybridized this one but we do know that we sell the plants faster than we can grow them! Generous sized leaves are bright green and very deeply quilted. Double blooms of sparkling white are fringed with bright purple.

VALLEN'S PINK PETTICOAT (Mrs. Vallen's) — Foliage is large, grass green, and waves. The blooms are very large singles of warm pink with a wide tight fringe. It may have a hint of chartreuse when new but does not retain it. This does not detract from the plant however. It is a handsome one.

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CARAVAN SERIES

The Caravans are hybridized by Mrs. John Buynak. Plants attain an enormous size and have varying widths of tight ruffles on leaf edges. Flowers are singles in purples and variagated shades. A full grown plant resembles a cascade of green frills and can be a conversation piece if grown with care.

Since rooted cuttings of the Caravans grow to too large a size for successful shipping, we offer leaves only of the following:

CARAVAN COACHMAN — Deep green leaves with single purple flower. Leaf, \$1.00.

CARAVAN HEIRLOOM — Slightly lighter than Coachman with sometimes a mottled effect in the green. Flowers are purple singles with sometimes a faint red overcast. Leaf, \$1.00.

CARAVAN EMERALD QUEEN — Medium green leaves with a large white single bloom washed and streaked with purple. Leaf \$1.00.

CARAVAN MASTERPIECE — Foliage is bright grass green. Flowers are single purple. Leaf \$1.00.

Caravans do not always come true. However the size and novelty are always there. We have a sport of Heirloom which is just as interesting as the original.

SUPPLIES

We have the following supplies which we ship **With Violet orders only**

PLASTIC LABELS — We use Life Time Plastic Labels exclusively for three reasons— 1)They are neat and attractive. 2) They are easily cleaned for re-use. 3)They last a life time. These labels measure 4½ inches in length, just right for a violet pot. Made of white plastic, the paddle top permits comfortable printing with pencil. The printing never fades but can be scrubbed off with scouring powder.

Packaged in Cellophane Bags. 20 Labels—35c. 100 Labels—\$1.15

HYPONEX — There are a good many plant foods on the market, all of which are good. We have tried lots of them but somehow, we always seem to come back to Hyponex. Used according to directions, it does wonders for roots and blooms and keeps the foliage looking live and healthy.

Ounce Packet—15c Two Ounce Can—29c

PLASTIC THUMB POTS — 1¼ Inch by 1¼ Inch. We offer these because so many customers want them.

Per Pot—4c Per Dozen—40c

AFRICAN VIOLET BOOK By Esther Grayson. — Gives complete information on culture and propagation of African Violets. Profusely illustrated by Frank Rockwell. Gives the pointers you need if you are making a collection or, if you are selling from your home. Per Copy \$1.00.

AT THE GREENHOUSE

We Have For Sale— Plants in 3" and 4" pots; Our own soil mix; Plastic pots in various sizes; Clay pots in 3" and 4" sizes.